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**Subject:** The Washington Update



Clean Air Friends,

Catching up over a cup of coffee this week, a power-sector colleague from my last job asked me “are the clean air people nice?” I told her that y’all are something different and better than nice. I’ve lost a few tough arguments with a few of you, and sometimes you respond to my antics with dry expressions instead of the intended chuckles (and if I ever wear a ridiculous pair of pants to a meeting I know a couple NACAA members who will give me grief about it for years. That happened to an air director friend of mine.) Smart people with hard jobs can’t always be nice to everyone all the time, but I have yet to meet anyone from one of NACAA’s member agencies who isn’t deeply decent. You show up where people need help; you appreciate each other’s achievements; you say what’s right even when everyone is telling you to say something wrong. You’re friendly but you’re not the “always cheerful” people - you’re the “pick up someone else’s litter” people, the “treat strangers with respect” people, the “make sure someone who needs a seat gets a seat” people, the “could be making a lot more in the private sector” people. I’ve learned a lot since I started here about how *nice* is different than *good*, and I’m glad every day that I get to be one of your people.

Here’s this week in review in NACAA’s *Washington Update*:

- NACAA Submits Written Testimony on FY 2021 Appropriations
- EPA Issues Supplemental Science Transparency Proposal
- Long-term Air Pollution Exposure Causes 8.8 Million Premature Deaths Annually, Study Finds
- EPA Science Advisory Board Finds “Significant Weaknesses” in Scientific Basis of Proposed SAFE Rule
- Senate Moves Toward Vote on New Energy Legislation
- EPA Administrator Testifies Before House Appropriations Subcommittee on Proposed FY 2021 Budget
- Senator Carper Asks EPA IG to Investigate Whether EPA Is Circumventing Rulemaking Requirements for SAFE Vehicles and Science Transparency Rules
- House Science Subcommittee Advances Bill to Require Study on the Science of Background Ozone in U.S.
- EPA Issues Automotive Trends Report for 2019
- EPA Publishes Progress Report on Power Sector Programs
- Respondent-Intervenor and Amicus Briefs filed in Litigation Challenging EPA’s Denial of New York’s Section 126 Petition

Next week’s events are linked in *The Week Ahead*. Also, NACAA’s Permitting & NSR Committee has it’s scheduled call on Wednesday, March 11 – get the details on [Air Web](#).

Read NACAA’s *Washington Update* here:

<http://www.4cleanair.org/sites/default/files/Documents/030620wklyupdate.pdf>

Have a great weekend!

Wishing you well, Miles

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